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FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ADDED:

IMPACT OF EUROPEAN SOCIALISM. AIM IS TO DISCUSS EXPERIENCE  
TO DATE OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST GOVERNMENTS IN WESTERN  
EUROPE, PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMIC, LABOR, AND SOCIAL AREAS.  
WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SOME OBJECT LESSONS TO BE LEARNED  
BY ITALIAN SOCIALISTS FROM SOCIALIST EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE,  
PERHAPS ESPECIALLY IN BRITAIN. HOWEVER, SINCE THE PRIMARY  
INTENDED AUDIENCE IS THE ITALIAN SOCIALISTS, THE "LESSONS"  
SHOULD NOT BE SO POINTED AS TO INVITE AUTOMATIC REJECTION.  
DISCUSSION SHOULD INCLUDE THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC GOALS THAT  
SOCIALISTS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO ACCOMPLISH ELSEWHERE, THE MEANS  
USED, THE RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND FAILURE, AND  
THE REASONS FOR THE LATTER. PREFERRED INTERVIEWEE:  
THE POST IS UNCERTAIN WHO COULD BEST DO THIS JOB.

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OBVIOUSLY IT SHOULD BE SOMEBODY WHO IS PROFESSIONALLY

COMPETENT AND WHO IS NOT A PROTAGONIST, BUT WHO ALSO HAS A REPUTATION THAT WILL MAKE SOCIALISTS INCLINED TO LISTEN TO HIM. THE FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTIONS, SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER IDEAS WHICH THE AGENCY MAY HAVE: PROF. DAVID RIESMAN, (HARVARD), PROF. DANIEL BELL (HARVARD), AND IRVING KRISTOL, EDITOR OF DISSENT.

ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE: AN INTERVIEW: GARDNER ACKLEY (PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF HIS CONNECTIONS WITH ITALY) OR ANOTHER PROMINENT ECONOMIST OR ECONOMIC/ POLITICAL FIGURE. AIM: TO EMPHASIZE DEGREE TO WHICH ITALIAN ECONOMY IS INTER-CONNECTED WITH, AND DEPENDENT UPON, AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM DOMINATED BY WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. AUDIENCE: BUSINESS COMMUNITY, ACADEMICS AND MEDIA. SUGGESTED QUESTIONS: (A) WHAT CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS IN INCREASING ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE? IN WHAT FIELDS? HOW ARE DOMESTIC ECONOMIC POLICIES CONSTRAINED BY THIS INTERDEPENDENCE? (B) WHAT IS THE CORE OF THIS "INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY"? WHY ARE THE EASTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER CENTRALLY-PLANNED ECONOMIES ONLY ON THE FRINGES OF THIS SYSTEM? (C) WHAT IS THE UNDERLYING POLITICAL BASIS FOR THIS ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE? IN WHAT WAY IS POLITICAL COMPATIBILITY A PRE-REQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SYSTEM? BURNETT

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